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SUBJECT: ITU REGIONAL LF/MF BROADCASTING CONFERENCE;
PROTECTION OF RFE BROADCASTING TRANSMISSIONS FROM
POSSIBLE INTERFERENCE BY SWEDISH OPERATIONS.

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1. ITU REGIONAL LOW AND MEDIUM FREQUENCY (LF/MF)
BROADCASTING CONFERENCE WILL CONVENE OCTOBER 6 -
NOVEMBER 22 AT GENEVA FOR PURPOSE OF PRODUCING NEW
LF/MF ASSIGNMENT PLANS FOR ITU REGIONS 1 AND 3
(EUROPE AND AUSTRALASIA). REGION 2, THE AMERICAS,
IS NOT INVOLVED. ALTHOUGH U.S. IS NOT INVOLVED
GEOGRAPHICALLY, U.S. HAS CONSIDERABLE BROADCASTING
OPERATIONS IN REGIONS WHICH ARE INVOLVED AND MUST LOOK
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TO ARRANGEMENTS WITH COUNTRIES CONCERNED FOR
PROTECTION OF U.S. INTERESTS.

2. FOR YEARS RADIO FREE EUROPE AT MUNICH-HOLZKIRCHEN

AND SWEDISH RADIO AT OESTERSUND HAVE SUCCESSFULLY SHARED USE OF 719 KHZ (TO BE 720 KHZ IN NEW PLAN). SWEDES HAVE NOW PROPOSED TO USE 720 KHZ WITH INCREASED POWER (600 KILOWATTS VICE THE PRESENT 150 KW ON 719 KHZ) AND AN OMNIDIRECTIONAL ANTENNA AT KIRUNA.

PROPOSED SWEDISH OPERATION ON 720 KHZ WOULD RESULT IN SEVERE INTERFERENCE TO RECEPTION OF RFE PROGRAM IN POLAND.

3. A MEETING WITH SWEDISH OFFICIALS (SEE PARAGRAPH 5, REFTTEL) WAS HAD JULY 25 FOR PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF THE PROBLEM. AS A RESULT OF RECENT CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN RFE AND THE SWEDISH PTT-TELEVERKET, ANOTHER MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 5.

4. U.S. PARTICIPANTS IN SEPTEMBER 5 MEETING WILL BE GORDON L. HUFFCUTT, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS POLICY, STATE; EARNAL S. CAMPBELL, DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING OPERATIONS, RFE-MUNICH; AND STANLEY LEINWOLL, DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING, RFE-NY. ALL THREE WILL ARRIVE STOCKHOLM SEPTEMBER 4, 8:10 P.M., ON LH 18; RESERVATIONS AT HOTEL SHERATON HAVE BEEN MADE. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO PARTICIPATE SINCE IT MAY BE INVOLVED IN SUBSEQUENT TREATMENT OF RELATED MATTERS.

5. REQUEST THAT NAMES OF THE U.S. PARTICIPANTS BE INFORMED TO MR. VALDEMAR PERSSON, NETWORK PLANNING DIRECTOR, TELEVERKET BROADCASTING SECTION, FARSTA. PERSSON WAS THE CORRESPONDENT WITH CAMPBELL OF RFE-MUNICH IN ARRANGING THE SEPTEMBER 5 MEETING. DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS MEETING WILL CONVENE AT 10:15 A.M. BUT WE DO NOT KNOW LOCATION.

6. MESSRS. HUFFCUTT, CAMPBELL AND LEINWOLL WILL BE AT BONN SEPTEMBER 2-4 FOR LF/MF DISCUSSIONS. THEREFORE, UNCLASSIFIED

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ANY EMBASSY MESSAGE IN REGARD SEPTEMBER 5 MEETING SHOULD INCLUDE BONN SLUGGED FOR HUFFCUTT.

7. FYI IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED TO TELEVERKET-PERSSON THAT ALTERNATIVES FOR POSSIBLE SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM ON 720 KHZ ARE:

A. A DIFFERENT FREQUENCY AT KIRUNA;

B. REDUCE POWER AT KIRUNA;

C. RELOCATE FROM KIRUNA TO MORE SOUTHERLY LOCATION AND USE A DIRECTIONAL ANTENNA SYSTEM WHICH WOULD PROTECT

POLAND AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA;

D. INCREASE POWER OF RFE; OR

E. STATUS QUO AT BOTH HOLZKIRCHEN AND OESTERUND.

IN REGARD THE ALTERNATIVES, BASED ON USAGE OF 719 KHZ,
RFE HAS PRIORITY OVER SWEDEN BY VIRTUE OF OPERATIONAL
DATES AS REGISTERED IN THE ITU'S INTERNATIONAL
FREQUENCY LIST. INGERSOLL

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